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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

:Group Art Unit: 1712 ✓

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:Examiner: Christopher M. Keehan ✓

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1RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Please consider the following remarks:

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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 22, 2002, restriction to claims 1-32 (Group I), claims 33-44 (Group II), claims 45-57 (Group III), and claims 58-65 (Group IV), claims 1-17 and 19 (Group V), and claims 30-48 (Group VI) was required under 35 U.S.C. 121. This restriction is respectfully traversed. In compliance with 37 CFR §1.143, Applicant provisionally elects the examination of Group I.

The Applicant submits that the claims of Groups I, II, III, and IV are so closely associated that an examination of all these claims together would not constitute a serious burden on the Examiner. The subject matter of the claims is sufficiently related that a search of any one Group encompasses a search for the subject matter of the other Group. Section 803 of the MPEP states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the